

In Defence of Songun

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In today's world Songun is the cutting edge of anti-imperialist class struggle as well as the treasured sword for the defence of independence and socialism. Songun is synonymous with People's Korea and its struggle against world imperialism. In a word, history of the Korean revolution is that of Songun.

In January 2003, leader Kim Jong Il made public an immortal classic work "The Songun-based Revolutionary Line Is a Great Revolutionary Line of Our Era and an Ever-victorious Banner of Our Revolution".

We became gripped with a fascination for Songun idea and Songun politics though our resources were meagre and that we were one of the first in the world to form such an organization the British Association for the Study of Songun Politics on August 13, 2003.

It struck us that the DPRK alone was standing up to imperialism that was trying to dominate the whole world, imposing the so-called "New World Order" and "globalization" on the world causing wars and chaos. Only one country in the world took a firm stand against imperialism and did not harbour any illusion about imperialism.

That country is the DPRK led by the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, the successor to great leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il.

Songun regards that socialism advances not in ideal and tranquil conditions or in co-operation with imperialism but in confrontation with imperialism. Songun has attracted the attention of friends as this era is one of sharp contention. The Songun idea is the best political mode for building socialism which faces the threat of imperialist aggression and attempts by the imperialists and class enemies to stifle

socialism. It is those who advocate building socialism in co-operation with imperialism and world capital who are wrong.

Defending Songun idea is the most important task of the revolutionary and anti-imperialist people who hold independence. Defending Songun politics and the DPRK is the undertaking of all anti-imperialist and progressive people.

The treatise aims to both explain Songun idea and refutes its critics. Even though it is not perfect contrary to expectation due to the time, I expect the treatise would make contribution to the defence of Songun idea from slander of imperialists and their followers while rendering help to the profound study of the great Songun idea.

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Chapter 1 Songun Idea

The Songun idea elucidates fundamental principle that the victory in revolution hinges on the force of arms, the revolutionary armed forces as the popular masses' struggle for independence is accompanied by the confrontation of strength with imperialism.

The Songun idea is the guideline of the Korean revolution and the independent cause against imperialism founded by President Kim Il Sung and comprehensively developed in depth by leader Kim Jong Il.

At the Kalun meeting held from June 30 to July 2, 1930 the President put forward the line of armed struggle, the line of Songun revolution that contained the revolutionary principle of giving importance to force of arms, the military affairs, thus declaring the creation of the Songun idea to the world.

Leader Kim Jong Il formulated the idea and line of giving importance to force of arms, the military affairs that was put forward and consistently adhered to by the President in the whole period of the revolution and construction as the Songun idea and systematized it as the guiding principle of the revolution and construction.

The preceding working class theory of revolution has asserted that the armed struggle is a temporary struggle occurring in the decisive period of changing the regime or "the point of change".

The Songun idea is not a tentative tactics but the revolutionary idea to achieve ultimate victory in the revolution by giving importance to the force of arms and by dint of its strength. Thanks to the Songun idea, the Korean revolution has been ever-victorious even in difficulties of history and the Korean people are now advancing dynamically toward

the ultimate victory while creating miracles of history unprecedented by humankind.

Section 1 Essential Contents of the Songun Idea

Respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un said.

“The idea of the Songun revolution is an idea of giving importance and precedence to military affairs in implementing the masses’ cause of independence, the socialist cause, and pushing ahead with the overall revolution and construction with the revolutionary army as the core force.”

The Songun idea requires to give top priority to the military affairs and enhance the role of the revolutionary army in the revolution and construction to the maximum on the basis of scientific analysis of the law of the revolutionary movement that is made and developed in confrontation of strength with imperialism and other counter-revolutionary forces and the features of the revolutionary army, the most revolutionary and combatant collective. The Songun idea scientifically elucidates the fundamental key to victory in the confrontation with imperialism and the ways for achieving all-round development of the country and nation in all fields of politics, ideology, economy and culture centring on force of arms, the revolutionary army.

(1) Principle of Songun Revolution

It is the principle that revolution is started, advanced and completed by force of arms.

That the revolution is started by force of arms means the popular masses’ revolutionary struggle for independence is started through the armed struggle. In human history, the exploiting class never abandoned

its political authority of its own accord but brutally oppressed the popular masses' struggle by relying on the counter-revolutionary violence. In order to overthrow the exploiter society and reactionary regime and realize independence, the popular masses must unfold the armed struggle, holding arms in their hands.

President Kim Il Sung formed the Down-with-Imperialism Union on October 17, 1926. Its program was to overthrow the Japanese imperialists and achieve liberation and independence of Korea and build socialism and communism in Korea and, furthermore, to defeat all imperialisms and build communism in the world.

Later, the President put forward the revolutionary slogan "Weapons are our life and soul! Arms for arms!" The slogan contains the philosophy of force of arms that the only way for liberating the country and leading the Juche revolution to victory by defeating the armed enemy hinges on force of arms. With the rifle philosophy as their faith, the Korean people could defeat the Japanese imperialists, the world military power which desperately moved to become the "Leader" of Asia and achieve the historic cause of national liberation. Without exception, not only the Korean revolution but also the victory in the revolution in different countries including Russia, China and Cuba were the result of the struggle started by the force of arms.

That the revolution is advanced and completed by the force of arms means that the revolutionary cause for the masses' independence is accomplished with success by the powerful military capabilities. The imperialists and reactionary forces resort to every mean to check the popular masses' struggle for independence. Under such condition, there must be the powerful strength, the force of arms in order to win victory in the showdown with imperialists and safeguard the revolutionary

gains.

Leader Kim Jong Il started his Songun-based revolutionary leadership with the inspection of the Seoul Ryu Kyong Su Guards 105th Tank Division of the Korean People's Army on August 25, 1960. From then on Leader Kim Jong Il visited many People's Army units, thus achieving immortal feats to be brilliant forever in the history of building the revolutionary armed forces. He unfolded the Songun politics in the overall revolution and construction from the end of the 1960s.

Holding aloft the banner of giving importance to the force of arms, the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un safeguarded dignity and security of the DPRK, destroying the enemy's anti-DPRK suffocation step by step. The DPRK strengthened the force of arms and by relying on it resolutely counter the imperialists' toughness with super-tough stance under the wise leadership of Kim Jong Un. That is why the DPRK is now demonstrating its dignity as a powerful country no one dare provoke.

History and reality clearly prove that the popular masses' revolutionary struggle to liquidate the exploiter class and become the genuine masters of state and society is started by the armed struggle relying on the powerful revolutionary armed forces, and the struggle to safeguard the revolutionary gains from the imperialists' military threats and aggression, challenge, isolation and suffocation is guaranteed also by the revolutionary force of arms.

Next, it is the principle that the army is immediately the Party, the state and the people.

That the army is immediately the Party means that the existence and development of the Party is decided by the revolutionary army. In

order to destroy the imperialists' anti-socialist moves and perform its mission and role as the political leadership organization, the Party must seize the army. The party that failed to hold the army is unable to maintain its existence, to say nothing of the political leadership over the society.

In the history of the popular masses' revolutionary struggle for independence, there was no such difficult and complicated revolution as the Korean revolution, the revolution that covered untrodden arduous road. Two revolutionary wars against the imperialists, social revolutions of 2 stages and the socialist construction carried out under the condition of national division made by foreign forces, campaign to defend socialism and the building of a powerful country which was conducted while braving manifold difficulties caused by the collapse of socialism in different countries and the natural calamities—there is no end to mention about arduousness and complexity of the Korean revolution. That the Workers' Party of Korea could have led the revolution to victory and glory under such worst adversities that others would have collapsed hundred times is entirely attributable to the fact that the People's Army faithfully supported the Party as the army of the Party.

The struggle to win and defend the state power is the most violent confrontation of strength between the popular masses and the reactionary forces. The reactionary forces do not remain mere onlookers to the popular masses' becoming masters of political power nor give up political power of their own accord. Without strong revolutionary armed forces, it is unable to destroy the desperate resistance of counter-revolution and to win and defend political power. Many countries in the world did not safeguard the revolutionary gains

achieved at the cost of blood but were forced slavery hundreds of years with their independence deprived by the imperialists and colonialists. It was because they did not have army or their army was weak. The whole course of founding, strengthening and developing revolutionary political power is covered by force of arms and guaranteed by the revolutionary army. So the army is precisely the state.

That the army is immediately the people means that the people can lead independent and creative life to their hearts' content only when they have the revolutionary army.

Important mission of the revolutionary army is to defend the safety of the country and people from the enemy's aggression and provide them with happy life. In such present situation that the imperialists' high-handedness and arbitrariness get ever more naked, the revolutionary army can only guarantee safety and happiness of the people.

(2) Guidelines of Songun Revolution

Giving precedence to the military affairs is the first of the guidelines.

The guideline of giving precedence to the military affairs is to give top priority and pay big efforts to the military affairs before others in the revolution and construction.

Many urgent and important issues including founding party, establishing political power and building economy and culture are raised in the revolutionary struggle for independence of country and nation. The principle of giving precedence to military affairs regards the military as the first and foremost among these affairs.

In the past revolutionary struggle history of the working class, party

was founded first and on its basis revolutionary armed forces was built. In a word it is the history of building the party before the armed forces in view of the interrelationship between the party and the army.

Marx founded the “Communist Union”, the first political organization of the international working class, by reforming the “Union of Men of Justice” in London in June 1847 together with Engels, thus starting his struggle. Later, he waged energetic struggle to rally the working class in each country and founded the “International Working Mens’ Association”, the first International, in London in September 1864.

At the second conference of the Social Democratic Workers’ Party of Russia held in Brussels, Belgium in July 1903, Lenin made sure that the program of the Marxist party was adopted in the 2nd International and thus the Marxist party (Bolshevik), the new-type party of the Russian working class which is different from the parties of the 2nd International was founded. Later, Lenin put forward the policy of switching from the bourgeois democratic revolution to the socialist revolution at the 7th All-Russia Representatives’ Meeting of the Socialist Democratic Workers’ Party of Russia. He presented the slogan “All political powers to Soviet!” and led the October Revolution to victory on October 25. Under the leadership of Bolshevik Party, he established the Soviet government at the 2nd All-Russia Soviet Congress and, on its basis, founded the Worker-Peasant Red Army in January 1918 and the Worker-Peasant Red Navy in February 1918. The revolutionary struggle of the world working class which had entered the upsurge with the October Revolution as a turning point was conducted by the method of founding the party before the armed forces.

In China, the Communist Party of China was founded first in 1921 and, under its guidance, the Worker-Peasant Red Army was formed by joining the units that had participated in the Nanchang Uprising on August 1, 1927 and the peasant rioters in the Hunan region. Vietnam also founded the party before the army in the revolutionary struggle.

In Ireland the Sinn Fein (Ourselves Alone in Gaelic) Party was formed in 1905 to fight for Irish independence but the Irish Republican Army, its military wing was not formed until 1913. The Irish Volunteers became the Irish Republican Army in 1918.

Like this, founding the party before the army was recognized as the fixed revolutionary truth.

President Kim Il Sung founded the Korean People's Revolutionary Army on April 25, 1932. The President achieved the historic cause of national liberation by relying on the revolutionary armed forces. And then he founded the Party and the state. Even after liberation the President directed primary attention to the military affairs in every period and stage of the revolution and ceaselessly built up the revolutionary armed forces to firmly guarantee the victorious advance of the revolution and construction militarily.

President Kim Il Sung led the Fatherland Liberation War to victory in the 1950s by relying on the force of arms. It was a miracle recorded in the military history of humankind. Only 2 years after the Korean People's Army was reformed into the regular armed forces, it should fight against the enemy strong in number and technique. However, the Korean people won victory as they had the farsightedness and distinguished military strategy and leadership of President Kim Il Sung who always gave priority to the force of arms in the struggle for the Korean people's independence.

Experience of the Korean revolution proves that the military affairs should be placed to the fore of the revolution as the destiny of country and nation hinges on the force of arms, the military affairs.

Placing the army before the working class is the next guideline.

This guideline is to regard the revolutionary army as the main force in the revolution and construction. The main force of the revolution is the revolutionary collective that holds the core position among all the revolutionary forces and plays the vanguard and leading role.

In reflection of the reality of the developed western capitalist countries in the mid-19th century Marx illustrated that the working class is the most advanced and revolutionary class whose mission is to liquidate domination by capital and all sorts of exploiter system and realize socialism and communism and defined the working class as the main force of revolution. In *Communist Manifesto* Marx and Engels wrote that what the working class would lose is only the chains and what it would gain is the whole world in the struggle against capital while insisting that the working class is a genuine revolutionary class among all other classes which are in confrontation with bourgeoisie.

This theory which reflected the reality of the contemporary capitalist society played a positive role in the revolutionary struggle of the working class in that period and some later periods. It was proved by the historic truth that the Paris Commune was born and the October Socialist Revolution victorious in Russia. In a number of countries on the globe during the 20th century the working class took the lead in the struggle to overthrow the capitalist system and established socialism. It had been recognized as an invariable formula in accomplishing the cause of socialism to make revolution and construction with the working class as the core, the main force. Thus some people consider it

to be absolute and invariable that the working class should be the leading force in the revolution.

A hundred and several decades of years elapsed since the Marxist revolutionary theory was set forth. To say that much has changed since then would be an understatement. For this reason, the theory and formulae, which had been set forth by Marx and Engels one and a half centuries before, cannot accord with the present reality.

The issue on the main force of revolution cannot be fixed and immutable in any time, society or revolution, nor be solved only on the basis of class relations. Which class, which social collective becomes the main force of the revolution is defined by its position and role in the revolution and construction, its revolutionary character, sense of organization and combat efficiency.

Generally speaking in capitalist countries the armed forces serve as an instrument of class rule and oppression by the capitalist ruling class. Also in the UK the troops became despised as they were regarded as a place for the uneducated, illiterate and rough people who were incapable of doing any job, with soldiers being called “thick squaddies”. There is conflict between the troops and the people in Britain. Each night the soldiers would go out and get drunk in pubs and beat up the civilians. This illustrated the deep conflict between the people and the army in imperialist society.

In the DPRK, the People’s Army is the pillar of the revolution defending the Party and the revolution, the country and the people with the force of arms and making a breakthrough in the most difficult fronts of socialist construction. The People’s Army is the most revolutionary collective serving as an example of all other collectives in its loyalty to the Party and the leader, devotion to the country, the revolution and the

people, fighting spirit against the class enemy, indefatigable will and unyielding spirit of offensive. In the DPRK, there is a powerful unity between the army and people, their destinies are welded together in the defence of socialism. It is regarded as a great honour to be a soldier in the DPRK and soldiers enjoy the respect of society.

(3) Theory of Songun Politics

Theory of Songun politics scientifically elucidates the essence and position of the Songun politics.

Songun politics is, in essence, the mode of politics that gives top priority to military affairs, and defends the country, the revolution and socialism with the People's Army as the core and the main force, and dynamically pushes ahead with the overall socialist construction.

In general, the first purpose of politics is to secure the sovereignty of state, territorial integrity, state and the people from the aggression of foreign forces. Most of the politics deals with the issue of defence capability. Songun politics is the mode of politics that put forward the military affairs as the most important issue in drawing up the lines and policies of the Party and the state and channels primary efforts to the building up of defence capabilities.

Politics has its political purpose and there are differences in each politics in realizing the purpose by relying on a certain political force. Hence, the modes of politics are distinguished by the political force on which they rely, in particular, the political force serving as the core, the pillar of materializing the politics. Songun politics regards the army as the core, the most reliable pillar.

Songun is distinguished from military government in imperialist and capitalist countries.

Military government is the one in which the reactionary ruling class militarize all fields of the state and social life and subordinate them to the building up of the military strength for aggressive war. In some capitalist societies military governments have seized power and instituted fascist or extreme anti-popular forms of rule when the social, political and economic situation has become unstable. This is done on behalf of the monopoly capitalist ruling class. Military government held the dominant position and revealed its major features in the stage of capitalism, especially the monopolistic capitalism. It is the fundamental feature of military government to increase war expenditure, reinforce military capabilities and hasten the militarization of economy for the preparation of aggression and war. Hence, it inevitably further intensifies exploitation and oppression upon the domestic people and, externally, aggression and plunder against other nations and states in order to make the state system even more reactionary and intensify war moves.

Songun politics puts the utmost efforts in the building-up of the powerful military capabilities to cope with any aggressive move by putting forward the military affairs as the first and foremost state affairs and thus provides practical guarantee for resolutely defending the sovereignty of the country and nation and safeguarding the independence and dignity of the popular masses.

Military government is a counter-revolutionary and anti-popular politics that cruelly exploits the domestic working masses for world supremacy and the monopolistic profits and subordinates all in the building-up of the aggressive military capabilities to violate, oppress and exploit the sovereignty of the other countries and nations. The world saw many reactionary, fascistic anti-popular regimes such as

those of Hitler, Mussolini, military dictatorship in Japan, Pinochet in Chile, the Brazilian military government of the 1960s, those in Greek, some African countries and the likes of Park Chung Hee, Chun Doo Hwan and Roh Tae Woo in south Korea.

Songun politics is fundamentally different from the military government in the role played in the social development.

Songun politics pushes ahead with the revolution and construction dynamically with the revolutionary army as the core and the main force and thus brings about ceaseless innovations and miracles in the overall socialist construction while firmly defending the socialism by building up the defence capabilities of the country. It enables all members in society to achieve rapid development and change in the fields of overall social life including economy and culture, science and education, sports and art and literature in unusual mental strength, following the revolutionary army's ideological viewpoint, fighting spirit and the way of life.

The military government militarizes all fields of social life including politics, economy and culture and sacrifices them for the building up of aggressive military capabilities and thus devastates the overall social life, hindering the social development. It does not tolerate any labor movement and the class struggle but obliterates the elementary democratic freedom and rights of the popular masses and enforces the unprecedented brutal oppressive politics.

Position of Songun politics is that it is the main socialist mode of politics.

Songun politics is the mode of politics of strategic importance in accomplishing the cause of socialism. It is the mode of politics to be held fast to as long as imperialism exists in the world and its aggressive

moves are continued.

The theory of Songun politics expounds its fundamental basis and the 3 pillars on which it relies.

A fundamental basis of Songun politics is the ideological and mental factor securing the existence and successful realization of Songun politics. The popular masses' ideological consciousness of independence plays a decisive role in the revolutionary struggle. Hence, the socialist politics can be established and materialized with success only when the popular masses cherish the ideology and spirit befitting masters of the revolution and give full play to them. The revolutionary soldier spirit is the fundamental basis of Songun politics.

3 pillars of Songun politics is the 3 revolutionary forces on which Songun politics relies in realizing its political ideal, the political purpose. Songun politics is the mode of politics whose revolutionary pillars are the revolutionary party, the revolutionary armed force and the single-minded unity.

Revolutionary party is the leading force of Songun politics. This means that the revolutionary party is the political organization that holds the leading position and performs the leading role in materializing Songun politics. The Workers' Party of Korea holds the leading position and plays the leading role in materializing Songun politics. The WPK that holds the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un is the leading political organization in accomplishing the Songun-based revolutionary cause that organizes and mobilizes the entire army and all the people under the banner of Songun.

The revolutionary armed force is the standard-bearer of Songun politics. In general, a standard-bearer is a person in the van holding the flag. That the revolutionary armed force is the standard-bearer of

Songun politics means that the revolutionary army is a vanguard, a shock brigade supporting Songun politics in the van. As the armed rank defending the country and the revolution by dint of the force of arms, the People's Army is the most thoroughgoing among any other collectives in defending the Party and the leader and devotedly defends them from the enemy's machinations. It is the vanguard unit, the most militant in implementing the ideas and lines of the leader and the Party.

The single-minded unity is a powerful driving force of Songun politics. This means that the single-minded unity firmly supports and dynamically promotes Songun politics. The single-minded unity is the ideological integrity in which the broad masses of the people are firmly rallied behind the Party and the leader, the moral and obligatory combination united on the basis of revolutionary comradeship and fidelity. The single-minded unity arouse the broad masses of the people to the struggle for realizing the common political purpose and idea and gives full play to their revolutionary enthusiasm and creative activity and thus powerfully propel Songun politics.

The theory of Songun politics clarifies Songun-based leadership system.

Songun-based leadership system is the supreme commander's monolithic system of leadership. It is the system and order commanding and leading the overall revolutionary armed forces including the revolutionary army under the order of the supreme commander. Songun-based leadership system is the defence-centred state management system. The defence-centred state management system is the one in which the National Defence Commission exercises not only the right to commanding and leading the entire armed forces but also the right to guide the overall national defence including the

national defence industry.

Section 2 Interrelation between the Songun Idea and the Juche Idea

It is totally absurd and in fact very reactionary to argue that Songun is a deviation from Juche. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Songun idea is based thoroughly on the Juche idea and the embodiment of the Juche idea.

The Songun idea can meet the requirements of the Juche idea to defending and realizing the popular masses' independence.

The Juche idea illuminates scientifically the road of the popular masses' struggle to defend and realize the independence as it is the revolutionary idea of independence with the independence as the core.

Independence is a life and soul of man, a social being, and at the same time, the life and soul of the popular masses, country and the nation. The struggle for the independence of the popular masses, the independence of the country and nation is accompanied by the fierce confrontation of strength with the imperialists. The past history left many precious experiences and bloody lessons proving the fact that in order to defend the independence which is the life of the popular masses, the life of the country and nation, there should be the revolutionary force of arms capable of defeating the imperialists' counter-revolutionary violence.

Today the imperialist allied forces are making desperate efforts to bring down the DPRK, a bulwark of socialism. Here they regard the strength, that is, the military capability as the all-powerful means. High-handedness and arbitrariness of the imperialists are being intensified unprecedentedly by depending on the military capabilities

and therefore the popular masses' cause of independence faces a grave challenge.

Proceeding from the fundamental requirement of the Juche idea to realize the popular masses' independence, the Songun idea puts it forward as its aim to give importance to the force of arms as the means to realize the popular masses' independence. Like this, the Songun idea enables us to firmly defend the popular masses' independence by giving importance and priority to the force of arms, the revolutionary army.

Next, the Songun idea is the one that enables us to thoroughly embody the demands of the Juche idea to strengthen and enhance the role of the motive force of revolution in the struggle for the popular masses' independence.

The Juche idea clarifies the revolutionary principle that the revolutionary movement is the movement of the motive force originated and developed by the active action and role of the motive force and requires settling all problems arising in the revolution and construction by attaching fundamental significance to the subjective factor and enhancing the role of the motive force.

The historic experience proved the fact that if the subjective revolutionary forces in each country are prepared firmly, they would emerge victorious without any external assistance but if not, they would fail in the revolution even though they received big external assistance.

Of course, the plots of the imperialist powers, in particular, the outrageous armed intervention of fascist Germany and Italy were the major factors of the collapse of the government of Spanish People's Front that took power in February 1936. But the international support

and encouragement to the Spanish revolution was very influential. At that time, the former Soviet Union provided the Spanish people with the aid materials amounting to 417 million rubles and heavy weapons including fighters and tanks and dispatched military advisers and volunteers. In August 1938, the “International Coordinating Committee for Assisting Spain” was founded in Paris and sent the aid funds of 800 million francs and large amount of foods, clothes and medicines for 2 years. And the meeting of the communist parties of 17 countries in Europe was held for the fighting Spanish people to intensify the international support movement, the international brigade and the tens of thousands of volunteers across the world joined Spanish front. In Britain, the Communist Party under the leadership of Harry Pollitt organized the British battalion of the International Brigade and sent 2,500 volunteers, of which 500 laid down their lives for the anti-fascist cause. Ireland organized the Connolly Column of 250 volunteers under Frank Ryan a former Irish Republican Army Commander. Nevertheless, the Spanish Popular Front failed to defend the revolutionary gains to the last as it failed to firmly prepare the motive force.

The motive force of the revolution can be formed when the entire people unite as one behind the leader and the party with the revolutionary army as the main. The motive force of the revolution can be formed when the entire people unite as one behind the leader and the party with the revolutionary army as the main.

The Songun idea is the one that makes it possible to thoroughly embody the requirement of the Juche idea to hold fast to the people’s ideology as the main in the revolution and construction.

The Juche idea newly clarified the principle that the popular masses’ ideological consciousness of independence plays decisive role

in the revolution and construction and puts forward it as an important principle to put the main stress on the people's ideology in the revolution and the construction.

The higher level of the ideological consciousness of independence man attains, the more resolute standpoint and attitude he maintains and actively takes part in the revolutionary struggle with firm will to resolutely fight to the end while overcoming all sorts of difficulties and trials. The Songun idea requires the entire members in society to firmly arm in the revolutionary soldier spirit that is the highest expression of class consciousness of the working class, the revolutionary spirit. The revolutionary soldier spirit served as a motive force that enabled the people in the DPRK to win victory in the showdown with the US imperialists and embark on grand advance to the building of a powerful socialist country, tiding over difficulties to rise with determination. It cultivated the will of braving difficulties among the people in the DPRK without losing confidence in the worst adversity and created miracles in the revolution and construction so as to successfully embody the requirement of the Juche idea to push ahead with the revolution and construction with the ideology as the main.

Songun idea is essentially related to the Juche idea as the former absolutely guarantees the latter.

Section 3 Songun Idea Is Revolutionary Idea of the Working Class

Songun idea that puts forward the military affairs as the first and foremost state affairs and the People's Army as the core and the main force is a new original concept. However some captivated by dogmatism and opportunism feel unease at this new concept. Some people try to cite Marxist Leninist teachings on the role of the working

class and the role of the army. Such views blatantly disregard the fact Marxism Leninism has historical limitations.

First of all, the Songun idea clarifies that force of arms are the most powerful weapon from the view that the force of arms are the one of the class and the revolution.

The Songun politics builds and strengthens the military strength of the country into the one whose basic mission is to thoroughly defend and realize the interest of the class and revolution from the viewpoint that force of arms is a weapon of the class struggle that does not tolerate any slightest compromise with the class enemies. The Songun politics of the DPRK actually represents the highest form of class struggle because Songun politics by confronting the imperialists and class enemies by force represented a most concentrated form of class struggle.

The Songun idea definitely does not define the military as a class. This is pure nonsense to suggest such a thing. The People's Army is a group and does not refer to it as a class though of course it is the most militant and powerful group in society. Thus the Korean People's Army is the one of the working class and the class nature of Songun is not neutral but that of the working class in power.

There are two kinds of armies in the present-day world, the army of the exploiter class and the other of the working class. Since the exploiter class resorts to force of arms to maintain its grip on power, the working class needs armed forces in order to carry out the revolution to overthrow the exploiter class and build a new society. There can never be neutral army that belongs to neither the propertied class nor to the working class

Songun politics presses ahead with the building up of the army and

the building of national defence industry as the primary undertaking, the most important one in firmly maintaining and thoroughly implementing the class principle, the revolutionary principle in the confrontation and struggle against imperialism and all enemies. Giving importance to the force of arms, giving precedence to the military affairs in Songun politics that puts forward the military affairs as the first and foremost state affairs is the concentrated expression of thoroughgoing class principle that they would resolutely fight against the imperialists' anti-socialist machinations to emerge victorious without fail.

Next, the Songun idea explains that the working class plays very important role in the revolution and construction.

The People's Army is the main force of the revolution. Of course this does not mean that the working class in the DPRK has in any way been diminished and marginalized. The importance of the role of the working class in society is recognized and valued. The Socialist Constitution of the DPRK states that "The sovereignty of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea resides in the workers, peasants, soldiers, working intellectuals and all other working people." The DPRK is not a military state as some venal reactionaries suggest nor had transfer of power from the working class to the military which some revisionists and opportunists have tried to imply.

Respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un named the working class performing an important role in the Korean revolution the Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist working class. As a core detachment of the revolutionary cause of Juche, the eldest son of country, the heroic Kimilsungist-Kimjongilist working class in the DPRK discharges its mission and duty in the building of an economic power while

supporting the Party's ideas and cause in the van.

Those who criticize Songun foolishly forgot that amongst the working class in capitalist countries there were always some sections of the workers that were more militant and more advanced than others. For example for a long time the miners were regarded as the vanguard of the British working class because their class consciousness, militancy and sense of organization were in fact much higher than those of shop workers, farmworkers and some other sections of workers. So the miners became the main force in class struggle in the UK for many decades.

Rather than negating the role of the working class Songun actually enhances it. It is the guns of the Korean People's Army, the guns of Songun that give the working class of People's Korea the strength to carry out socialist construction. Songun politics actually defends the interests of the working class in power by protecting the country from imperialist aggression and preventing the restoration of capitalism by the imperialists.

Songun idea makes weighty contribution to the perfection of the theory on the class struggle by enhancing the role of the army in today's era in which a fierce anti-imperialist and class struggle is being launched. Uncompromising anti-imperialist standpoint of Songun Korea and its defence of socialism encourage the class struggle of the working class in the capitalist world.

Section 4 Songun Idea Is Anti-imperialist, Anti-flunkeyist Idea

(1) Songun Idea Is Anti-imperialist Idea

Songun idea illuminates the correct way for achieving a decisive victory in military showdown with imperialism by building up the

force of arms, the revolutionary army.

First of all, Songun idea enables us to win a decisive victory in the showdown with the imperialists by building up the revolutionary army, the first outpost in the anti-imperialist military front.

Songun idea puts forward the politico-ideological, military and technical consolidation of the revolutionary army as the main and requires to subordinate all problems arising in the revolution and construction to the building up of the revolutionary army. The revolutionary army can be prepared as an invincible powerful armed force and emerge victorious in the anti-imperialist struggle by destroying the imperialists' any aggression and war moves by relying on it only when the requirements of Songun idea are applied thoroughly while regarding it as a steadfast guideline.

Next, Songun idea enables the people to win a decisive victory in the showdown with the imperialists by intensifying the anti-imperialist, class education among them.

The DPRK strengthens the anti-imperialist, class education among the people to make them win decisive victory in the showdown with imperialism.

It builds class education bases in several part of the country and strengthens the anti-imperialist class education among the people.

Through the anti-imperialist class education the Korean people actively turn out in the struggle for defending the country, building a powerful nation and reunification with high sense of class consciousness, thus achieving decisive victory in the showdown with imperialism.

Unlike the DPRK, the former socialist countries did not conduct anti-imperialist class education like but created illusion about

imperialism. As a result socialism was collapsed in those countries.

(2) Songun Idea Is Anti-flunkeyist Idea.

Songun idea totally rejects compromise with imperialism as advocated by the modern revisionists and the so-called theory of the “peaceful road to socialism.”

The modern revisionists caused splits and confusion. The socialist camp was split into two, creating a dangerous situation. The modern revisionists embarked unilateral and one-sided disarmament of the socialist camp, doing a number of unprincipled deals with the imperialists. They melted down tanks and guns. The revisionists were capitulationists. In 1962 Khrushchev betrayed Cuba to the imperialists. Within 6 days Khrushchev gave into the demands of Kennedy. Not only did they weaken the defence capacity of the socialist camp but crippled communist and worker’s parties throughout the world, with their “peaceful road” theories.

The Workers’ Party of Korea and the Korean people under the leadership of the great leader President Kim Il Sung took the line of opposing modern revisionism whilst demanding for unity within the socialist camp and against splits.

At the revolutionary museum of the Kim Il Sung University, one can see a picture of leader Kim Jong Il meeting Albanian students whilst he was a student at the university. One of Khrushchev's acts was to disparage Albania and put pressure on it because it did not accept revisionism so it was an act of anti-revisionist solidarity by leader Kim Jong Il to visit the Albanian students as well as an act contributing to the unity of the international communist movement and socialist countries.

The DPRK is the only socialist country in the world that has been

consistent and always adhered to the Juche Idea and sticking to its lines and policies, always maintaining an anti-imperialist stance and adherence to socialist principles.

The DPRK staunchly rejected pressure of imperialists and modern revisionists.

Songun idea enables a country and nation to reject the modern revisionists' assertion of so-called "world peace" and "international tension" and build powerful self-defense capabilities.

The revisionists boldly said that the Soviet armed forces are defending the whole socialist countries and the world peace is kept by up-to-date military technology and rocket-nuclear weapons of the Soviet Union. They bothered the other socialist countries in the strengthening of their own defence capabilities, blaming that it aggravates the international tension and gives excuse of igniting a war to the imperialists. Their intention was to control the socialist countries under the nuclear umbrella.

In view of the fact that the imperialist threat was increased and it was unable to depend on the great powers for defending the country, the DPRK consolidated and developed its own defense capabilities against the imperialists and modern revisionists.

In December 1962, President Kim Il Sung put forward the line of building the economy and defence in parallel proceeding from the requirement of the Korean revolution and the world revolution.

This line was later developed by the respected Marshal Kim Jong Un who put forward the line of jointly developing the economy and nuclear force in parallel in March 2013.

The WPK's line is not a temporary countermeasure adopted to cope with the rapidly-changing situation, but a strategic line to hold fast to

permanently in view of the supreme interests of the Korean revolution. It is also the absolutely right line that can ensure the people lead worthwhile and happy life to their heart's contents. The validity of the line that implies the lesson and truth of history and illuminates the road ahead of today and tomorrow would be proved more vividly with the passage of the time.

Songun idea enables the DPRK also to ruthlessly destroy the machinations of all enemies including the factionalists by dint of the single-hearted unity of the army and the people.

Under the leadership of the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, the people in the DPRK liquidated the modern day factionalist clique that was hand in glove with the imperialists, great-power chauvinists and revisionists.

The most dangerous enemy a country can face is the enemy within, one enemy inside is equal to a hundred outside. The modern factionalist clique, the ideological degenerate contaminated by the capitalist idea while being seized with fear of bluster of imperialism, was exposed and smashed at the meeting of the WPK political bureau in December 2013 and the traitor liquidated according to the will of the people. By defeating the modern day factionalists the Korean people defied the imperialists and big power chauvinists. After the defeat of the counter-revolutionary factionalist clique, the building of a socialist country entered a period of great upsurge. Now the Korean people are united even more solidly around supreme leader respected Marshal Kim Jong Un.

Today there is no doubt that the most anti-imperialist country in the world is the DPRK. The example of the DPRK's defiance to imperialism and big powers is a powerful example to those nations and

peoples that fight for independence.

Chapter 2 Songun and Today's DPRK

Great ideology gives birth to great politics and the great politics gives birth to great reality. By dint of Songun politics, the people in the DPRK dynamically hasten the prosperity of country and nation and unfold a bright future of reunification while destroying desperate anti-DPRK machinations of the imperialist allied forces and defending socialism.

Section 1 Having Defended Socialism by Dint of Songun

(1) Frustration of the imperialist moves to isolate and suffocate the DPRK in politics and diplomacy

War without a gun report between the DPRK and the imperialist forces was launched fiercely in the field of politics and diplomacy. The struggle to destroy the imperialist politico-diplomatic stifling against the DPRK was not a mere war of word to word, brain to brain. It was influenced by the military strength all the time.

The history of international politics and diplomacy proves that different countries were infringed upon their sacred independent rights and, in the long run, lost the gains of the revolution as they retreated one step, being forced by the pressure of the imperialists. It is imperative to have powerful military strength in order to frustrate the imperialist political and diplomatic isolation and stifling.

Songun politics serves as an invincible treasured sword capable of destroying the political and diplomatic isolation and stifling of the imperialists. The conclusion of the DPRK-US Framed Agreement was

the brilliant fruition born by the Songun politics. The DPRK resolutely frustrated the political and diplomatic isolation and stifling of the imperialists step by step.

In recent years, so-called “human rights” smear campaign holds very important position in the anti-DPRK stifling campaign of the imperialists. The imperialists and world monopoly capital are desperately trying to stifle People's Korea using the “human rights” issue even though of course there is no human rights issue in the DPRK. Also the imperialists are trying to use the “human rights” issue to smear and tarnish the reputation of the DPRK but also to destabilize it from within. In the past the imperialists used the “human rights” issue against the Soviet and other socialist countries and instigated the “Helsinki process” which eventually led to the collapse of socialism in those countries. The imperialists have over the past few years made wild allegations about "human rights violations" in the DPRK and even press-ganged some other countries to pass anti-DPRK resolutions in the UN.

Now, the forces hostile toward the DPRK regard the "human rights issue" as a main lever for stifling it since they had no way out over the "nuclear issue". The aim is to create a Cold War style campaign of hysteria against the DPRK. Such intense psychological warfare against the DPRK makes it difficult to organize effective solidarity with the DPRK challenging as those who defend the DPRK are also demonized by the campaign and victimized. A number of followers of the Juche idea and supporters of the DPRK were dismissed from their jobs or hounded out of their work in capitalist countries. This proves that there is no freedom of believing in the Juche idea and supporting the People's Korea.

There is no so-called “human rights” problem in the DPRK where the popular masses’ independence is fully ensured thanks to Songun politics. People enjoy the right to housing, to education, to free medical care, to work and even have holidays paid for a state expense under the powerful military guarantee provided by Songun politics.

By dint of Songun politics, the DPRK successfully frustrates the imperialists’ vicious and desperate political and diplomatic isolation and stifling.

(2) Frustration of the imperialist moves of military aggression

Holding aloft the banner of Songun, the DPRK firmly defended the socialist system while destroying the imperialists’ aggressive and war moves step by step not only in the 1990s but also in the 2000s.

On January 1, 1995, leader Kim Jong Il inspected a KPA unit wooded with young pine trees. His inspection was not a simple inspection to a unit. It was a historic declaration heralding the overall introduction of Songun politics that had fully demonstrated the might of the force of arms. The inspection served as a momentum of fundamental turn in materializing Songun politics on a new high stage in full measure.

Respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who declared that “*Songun is our independence, dignity and lifeblood*” maintains the strongest anti-imperialist militant stance which dumbfounded the imperialists who expected the DPRK to give in to their military threat.

In 2013 the situation on the Korean peninsula virtually went past the danger level owing to the anti-DPRK schemes of the imperialists and their vassal forces. They in the UN imposed sanctions on the DPRK because it had launched a peaceful civilian satellite on the 12th of December, 2012. Using the 3rd nuclear test as a pretext they went

wild and fabricated more intensive “sanction resolution” and mobilizing huge aggressive forces for joint military exercises Key Resolve and Foal Eagle.

It is the firm stand and principle of Songun Korea to smash the enemy with a sword when the former comes up with a knife, with a gun if the former with a rifle and with its precise nuclear attacking means if the former threatens with a nuclear weapon.

The military strength of the DPRK that has been built up by dint of Songun serves as the powerful treasured sword defending the sovereignty of country and dignity of nation while ruthlessly destroying the enemy’s machinations.

(3) Frustration of the imperialist moves of ideological and cultural infiltration

The imperialists and reactionaries, who made a profit from the effect of ideological and cultural infiltration in collapsing the Soviet Union and other east European socialist countries, resort ever more desperately to the ideological and cultural infiltration in the DPRK. The imperialists, who have a pathological hatred of People's Korea, and class enemies and all sorts of reactionaries are indeed persisting in all kinds of moves to undermine Juche-based socialism from within, particularly by ideological and cultural infiltration and psychological warfare as well as tricks like smuggling in agents disguised as “missionaries” or “NGO” workers etc., businessmen and even tourists. Not a day, not an hour passes without the imperialist media spreading false stories about the land of Juche. The enemy conducts all kinds of actions including balloon operation to bring in small radios, operation of spreading religions and superstition, operation of bribing the people by money etc.

The imperialists' reactionary ideological and cultural infiltration brings the degeneration of socialist idea and the degeneration of socialist idea brings the collapse of socialism.

In order to destroy the imperialists' reactionary ideological and cultural offensive, it is imperative to solidly consolidate the position of socialist idea. The most effective way for solidly consolidating the position of socialist idea is to train the revolutionary army into the strong in ideology, the strong in faith and, on this basis, firmly arm all the people with the socialist idea.

Songun politics enables the ideological and mental traits of service personnel to reach the noblest phase by conducting dynamic ideological education among them. The ideological education has been conducted within the People's Army and all the propaganda and agitations in high intensity in a concentrated way have been made in brisk not in defensive manner but in an offensive way thanks to Songun politics. Hence, the People's Army has become the ideological integrity, an organizational integral whole boundlessly loyal to the Party and the revolution.

Songun politics makes all the people follow the revolutionary soldier spirit created in the People's Army so as to secure the unity in ideology, unity of fighting traits of the army and the people. Ideological education for arming all the people with Songun idea was intensified, dynamic campaign to make the revolutionary soldier spirit prevail across the country was launched and tactical measures to prevent the imperialist ideological and cultural infiltration was taken. Hence, all the people advanced dynamically while destroying the capitalist idea by dint of socialist one and sweeping away the individualist factors by dint of collective spirit.

All the imperialists' reactionary ideological and cultural infiltrations became powerless before the ideological might of Songun Korea. Today Songun Korea has become a crystal of socialist idea, a politico-ideological fortress no force on earth can break.

Section 2 Having Accelerated the Building of a Powerful Country

(1) Acceleration of the building of a politico-ideological power

On the basis of the truth that socialism emerges victorious if the ideology is held fast to and ends up in ruin if the ideology is lost, respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un trains all the people to be the staunch revolutionary fighters absolutely believing in and following only the ideology of their leader, the idea of their Party with the People's Army as an example.

The DPRK is the socialist state united and rallied with the great leader as a center. Holding high the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un, the DPRK has already held the position of political power. His Songun politics serves as the powerful weapon and enables the DPRK to equip with the appearance of political power and, on this basis, other appearances befitting a powerful country.

Through the military parade, civilian demonstration and torchlight procession of youths held in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK, fully demonstrated its politico-ideological might before the world.

The service personnel and the people in the military parade and demonstration enthusiastically cheered towards the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. The military parade and civilian demonstration fully showed the army-people great unity that is impossible in capitalist society where the army and the people are pitted against each other.

When both the military parade and civilian demonstration were over respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un waved to the crowd. The atmosphere was truly electric with people jumping up and down cheering! It seemed unbelievable and unreal that the ordinary foreigners could be within 10 or 20 metres of the leader of one of the most powerful countries. Seeing the crowds cheering and people jumping up and down the Juche idea followers became the totality of the Korean peoples' fervent and enthusiastic support for respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. This was the expression of earnest support to and trust in respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un and, at the same time, the expression of boundless praise of the progressive people. In the evening there was a militant torchlight parade of youths followed by a colourful firework display. Although the weather was unfavourable the Korean young people did not flinch but took part in the parade with vigour and militancy! This was because they were happy to celebrate the important anniversary of the Party.

Such occurrences would be possible in the DPRK where the people are fully united around the leader and party and form a harmonious integral whole. The situation in the so called "advanced" capitalist countries is in contrast to the Juche socialist Democratic People's Republic of Korea guaranteed by Songun politics.

(2) Acceleration of building of a military power

The military strength of the DPRK has been built up to the invincible one thanks to Songun politics. Today the DPRK has become the country that has invincible powerful armed forces fully prepared politically and ideologically and highly modernized militarily and technically, the military power where the giving importance to the military affairs has become the tendency of society and the arming all

the people and fortifying the whole country have been fully realized.

The military parade held in splendor on Kim Il Sung Square in celebration of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK on October 10, 2015 vividly demonstrated the great military strength of the DPRK built up solidly by dint of Songun politics. This served as a stern warning to the foolhardy imperialists who dream of starting a second Korean war and invading the DPRK.

In the former socialist countries the military parades looked gloomy. A parade staged by the East German revisionists in 1989 shortly before the collapse of the German Democratic Republic, looked grey and formalistic without colour and spirit but the KPA military parade was full of vigour and colour. The Soviet Union used to hold big military parades but at the same time put up the slogans “peaceful co-existence” and “détente” rendering their military parades impotent and virtually meaningless displays devoid of anti-imperialist content. Today some big powers may put on big military parades but these are just for show with no real content.

Through the military parade, the DPRK fully demonstrated its military strength displaying its might before the world.

(3) Acceleration of the building of an economic power

Peaceful and stable environments needed for the economic construction is created by defending the country from the imperialist aggression and threats thanks to Songun politics.

Economic construction and the improvement of the people’s livelihood are inconceivable if a country is reduced to ashes due to a war forced by the imperialists. The force of arms of Songun is the force of arms securing happiness of the people while dealing a heavy blow to the imperialists and reactionaries. Well-being of country and the people

and bright future of the building of an economic power is on the bayonets of the People's Army. Holding fast to the force of arms of the revolution provided by Songun, the DPRK carries on the building of an economic power under the powerful military guarantee.

Thanks to Songun politics, the People's Army becomes the standard bearer, shock brigade in the building of an economic power and the dynamic campaign for the building of an economic power is being launched with its idea, spirit and fighting traits as the driving force. Upholding the slogan "*Let Us Take Charge of both the Defending of the Country and the Socialist Construction!*", the People's Army performed immortal feats to be shone forever in a history of the country in the fields of building an economic power while creating the models of the age in the offensive spirit of *At a Go*. The KPA plays a leading role in the building of an economic power. Numerous buildings and creations are associated with the efforts of the service personnel of the People's Army.

Lots of Juche-oriented and modernized factories and enterprises have been built and the major production bases in the field of key industry been reconstructed on the basis of modern science and technology and the monumental edifices and cultural facilities for the improvement of the people's well-being been built on a large scale—these are the fruitions born by Songun.

(4) Acceleration of the building of a civilized nation

Country is defended from the imperialist aggression and threat and peaceful and safe environment needed in the building of a civilized nation is created thanks to Songun politics.

The building of a civilized nation is inconceivable in the flames of aggression and war. The force of arms of Songun is that of dealing a

resolute and merciless blow to the imperialists and reactionaries and securing the people's cultured life. Destiny of country and nation and a bright future of a civilized nation hinges on the might of the People's Army.

The People's Army becomes the main force and its idea, spirit and fighting traits mobilize the entire people to bring about miracles and innovations in the building of a civilized nation thanks to Songun politics.

Lots of new structures have been built since 2012. Paektusan Hero Youth Power Station was completed on the occasion of the 70th founding anniversary of the WPK. From the top of the Juche Idea Tower one can see many new buildings and structures that had appeared within the past few years. It is different to the construction boom in the UK because here they only ever seem to build luxury flats and buildings whereas in the DPRK it is new low cost or free housing, health centres, schools, hospitals, etc. that are being built. Homes are being built by Korean people for Korean people in the DPRK! Lots of cultural recreation centers including Rungna People's Pleasure Ground, Rungna Dolphinarium, Ryugyong Health Complex, People's Open-air Ice Rink, Munsu Water Park, Mirim Riding Club, Massik Pass Ski Resort were newly built. New modern dwelling houses in Changjon Street, Mansudae Street, Unha Scientists Street, Wisong Scientists Residential District and Mirae Scientists Street were built to hand them over to the people free of charge.

This would be unthinkable in the UK where a flat on the riverside in central London cost £12,000 per month to rent or up to £1 million to buy. Even in the run down and poor Woolwich Dockyard area (where I live) a flat costs £200,000 to buy or £500 to £1000 a month to rent

(excluding the cost of electricity, gas, water, insurance and council tax). In the UK many people cannot afford to pay the rent and are evicted by greedy and cruel landlords, in 2015 11,000 families were evicted in the UK. Some 15,000 young people sleep rough on the streets of London.

The DPRK boasts many excellent leisure and recreational facilities which are either non-existent or very expensive in London. In the past few years many new ones have been constructed. We watched a lively performance by the dolphins at the Rungna Dolphinarium. The dolphins performed all kinds of tricks and interacted with the humans I was told it is very cheap to visit this place. The Pyongyang Metro is one of the cheapest in the world with a flat rate fare of about 2p (compare this to £4 minimum fare on the London underground.) Pyongyang International Airport was constructed by the soldier-constructors of the Korean People's Army totally self-reliantly in the spirit of Juche. Many countries can of course boast of modern airports but these are constructed with the "help" of foreign capital whereas Pyongyang International Airport is 100 per cent Korean in construction and design.

Indeed the streets of Pyongyang at night seemed very animated and full of life, there were even students walking around reading books. Korean people take study very seriously. In Pyongyang, it is safe for small children and women to walk the streets at night. In the pedestrian underpasses there are no homeless people that you would expect to see in the capitalist countries.

However in London, it is impossible for children to go out on their own at night and indeed most parents are reluctant to even send children out on their own during the day. At night the streets of London are full of drunks staggering about or street gangs in hoods and caps

menacing people. Indeed in London some pedestrian underpasses at night are full of homeless people, drunks, drug addicts, hooligans and lumpen criminal, degenerate type people. Some parts of London are basically no go areas.

Education at all levels is free starting from kindergarten right up to university level. DPRK university students are not burdened with heavy debts, their accommodation and clothing is supplied free of charge. Education has good quality facilities. This can be witnessed at the Changwang Kindergarten and universities such as the Kim Chaek University and Kim Il Sung University. New state of the art e-libraries and swimming pool have been opened at the Kim Chaek University of Technology built entirely with DPRK funds and resources.

Like this, Songun is effective in waging the campaign to provide the people with cultured life while braving difficulties and trials, and makes weighty contribution to the building of a civilized nation.

Section 3 Having Provided Epochal Phase for National Reunification

The Korean nation has created brilliant culture while inheriting the blood of the homogenous nation in one territory for a long time. The Korean nation has been suffering from the biggest misfortune in history of the nation with the country divided into the north and the south by foreign forces in the 1940s. One nation is divided into two and family members and relatives separated by the military demarcation line made unilaterally by foreign forces suffering without knowing their whereabouts. Not only the territory was departed and different two social systems appeared not huge human and material wealth of the nation was wasted in political and military confrontation. Painful

reality of national division continues for over half a century. It caused big disturbances in the united development and prosperity of the nation.

Korea's reunification is the biggest desire and supreme task of the Korean people. Hence, the Korean nation has continued struggle for national reunification since the country was divided by foreign forces. However, decisive turn could not be made in the Korean nation's struggle for reunification due to desperate moves of US imperialists and anti-reunification forces.

Anti-DPRK suffocation of the enemy was frustrated and condition favourable for Korean's reunification is created thanks to Songun politics.

They clamoured that the DPRK would collapse immediately when the latter underwent the Arduous March. They even spread absurd words that the DPRK would collapse in 3 days, in 3 months or in 3 years. When the DPRK overcome difficulties and intensified national strength with military, they revised the theory of collapse and began to clamour about soft landing. Soft landing was a cunning sophism to collapse the DPRK gradually while having proper relations with it.

Songun politics serves as a treasured sword opening up the road of independent reunification of Korea while destroying the enemy's anti-DPRK hostility. Their machinations to interfere in the issue of the reunification of Korea were frustrated step by step before the might of the DPRK relying on the powerful military capabilities built up thanks to Songun idea and favorable environment was created for the reunification of Korea.

A new era of an independent reunification advancing hand in hand with the Korean nation itself could be opened up thanks to Songun politics.

From June 13 to 15, 2000 in Pyongyang, historic Pyongyang meeting and the north-south summit meeting were held after 55 years since the division of Korea. Newspapers, communications and radios in different countries in the world featured leader Kim Jong Il's meeting with Kim Dae Jung at the airport and inspection of a guard of honor of the three services of the KPA as a capital event, a miracle in the 20th century. It was reported that 1 275 news reporters(503 were foreign news among them) from 289 media(173 were foreign news among them) besieged a journalist center from an early dawn to gather news materials for the historic Pyongyang meeting.

At an exclusive interview with Kim Dae Jung, leader Kim Jong Il suggested that it would be good to sign a declaratory document that would give a hope of national reunification and optimism towards the future to the 70 million fellow countrymen. He presented on his own initiative the principled and important issues arising in realizing the national reunification including the issue of achieving reunification independently by the concerted efforts of the nation, issue of ways for reunification, issue of repatriation of unconverted long-term prisoners and exchange of visiting groups of families and relatives torn apart in north and south and the issue of north-south dialogue, and led the interview to the settlement of the issues.

Hence, the north-south joint declaration composed of 5 articles whose fundamental core is by the Korean nation itself was made public. The north-south joint declaration is the declaration for independent reunification proclaiming that the north and the south are to settle the issue of national reunification by the concerted efforts of the Korean nation. And it was the reunification-oriented declaration that put an end to the confrontation and war threat between the north and the south,

promoted the confidence between the same race and achieved unity.

The June 15 North-South Joint Declaration was a national-historic event brought about thanks to Songun politics. In his article a senior research of the Hawaii East and West Centre, US wrote that the June 15 Joint Declaration is a fruit of Songun politics. Pyongyang Meeting was held by the might of the north's force of arms of Songun. The historic declaration of independent reunification which promised to reunify the country by concerted efforts of the Korean nation was born thanks to the north's independent reunification line supported by its military strength.

In October 2007 summit meeting was held again and the declaration for development of inter-Korean relations, peace and prosperity was adopted in October 4. The October 4 Declaration gave explanations to the problems in confirming that the idea of "Our Nation Itself" is a milestone for national reunification and applying the idea. It clarified the ways for national reconciliation, unity and reunification including the building of military trust between the north and the south, the practical proposal for establishing peace system, the activating economic cooperation for common prosperity of the nation, the suggestion of setting up the West Sea Peace Cooperation Zone, the participating of the north and south cheering groups in the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, the realizing tourism on Mt. Paektu and so on. With the adoption of the October 4 Declaration dynamic progress was made in the Korean people's struggle for reunification.

The June 15 Joint Declaration and the practical programme to apply it, that is, the October 4 Declaration are the fruition born by Songun politics.

The north-south relations began to be impaired again and

difficulties and trials were created on the road of embodying the ideal of June 15 due to the desperate moves of the conservative ruling forces in south Korea. The south Korean conservative ruling forces including Lee Myung Bak and Pak Geun Hye resorted to the confrontation of fellow countrymen and anti-reunification moves while completely intercepting the north-south relations and being stepped in all sorts of provocation. Recently, Pak Geun Hye attempted to revise history books in south Korea in a way as to embellish both Japan's occupation of south Korea and the Park Chung Hee military fascist regime. Park Geun Hye styles herself on Thatcher(the reactionary conservative prime minister of the UK of the 1980s, the so-called “iron lady”), but in reality Thatcher was a leader hated by many British people so that when she died many people would come out on the streets to celebrate it.

Ideal and will of June 15 will not be changed till the day when the historic cause of national reunification, a long cherished desire of the Korean nation is accomplished. It is because By the Korean Nation Itself is common intention and aspiration of the nation.

The entire Korean nation will destroy the machinations of the anti-reunification conservative forces and bring about dawn of reunification all over Korea.

Chapter 3 Worldwide Significance of Songun

Songun politics is now being rapidly disseminated to the whole world, passing beyond the bounds of the Korean peninsula. Even in today's complicated and acute world situation, it grips the hearts of the progressive people with its force of traction and influence and deals a

heavy blow to the imperialists and reactionaries. This proves that Songun assumes the world character.

Section 1 World Peace and Security Have Been Safeguarded

Thanks to Songun

The imperialists' moves for aggression and war have been destroyed by Songun politics, and as a result the world peace is secured.

It is aspiration of mankind and demand of a new century to live in a peaceful world. At present when the Cold War ended and the world peace and safety are raised as the task of an age, the issue of securing peace in the northeast Asia stands out in bold relief. At present, the northeast Asian region is one of the regions where the situation is complicated and the most dangerous war situation is being created. The main factor threatening peace and aggravating the tension in the northeast Asia is the anti-DPRK domination strategy of the imperialists and the moves for its realization. It is logic of the imperialists' strategy for world hegemony that it should dominate Eurasia, a center of the world, in order to dominate the world and, to do so, it should seize a strategic point, an edge of Eurasia. After the end of the Cold War, the US imperialists transferred nuclear weapons aimed at the Soviet Union while moving and deploying the aggressive armed forces from Europe to the Korean peninsula, regarding the employment of military strength as the main in realizing their aggressive policies on the DPRK.

The people in the DPRK have waged arduous struggle under the banner of Songun to contain war and safeguard peace on the Korean peninsula for over half a century and open up a prospect for achieving the ultimate settlement of securing peace on the Korean peninsula and

in the northeast Asia. Fuse of war is not ignited but peace is ensured in the Korean peninsula and the region. This is related to the DPRK who thoroughly built up military capability of the country by dint of Songun.

It is Songun politics formulated in order to defend the sovereignty of the country and nation and secure the peace on the Korean peninsula and further to safeguard peace of the world in view of the existence of imperialism that is to dominate and suppress other country and nation on the earth and, further, on the condition that its anti-Republic moves get more naked. The DPRK has defended the peace of northeast Asia while emerging victorious in the showdown with the imperialist allied forces after the particularly arduous 1990s as it has pursued Songun politics. Songun serves as the great banner ensuring victory in the proud struggle of the people in the DPRK for safeguarding peace.

The imperialists' moves for aggression and war are frustrated thanks to Songun politics and thus the world security is being ensured.

Atmosphere of uneasiness and instability is being created due to the machinations of the imperialists. The imperialists' machinations for reinforcing the armed forces should be referred as regards the safety of the world.

The world safety is being guaranteed thanks to the powerful military strength of the DPRK and thus Songun politics serves as the powerful means destroying the imperialists' strategy for dominating the Korean peninsula and the whole world. The powerful self-defensive capabilities of the DPRK perform a historic mission of securing the balance of power on the Korean peninsula and its vicinities and making active contribution to the world peace and safety.

Section 2 Cause of Humankind for Independence Has Been Accelerated

Songun serves as the call that awakens the world progressive people and encourages them to the struggle for independence and justice.

Songun politics has already approved as the most influential world-shaking trend of thought for carving out destiny of mankind. Voices of supporting Songun politics resound across the world.

First of all, Songun politics dynamically encourages the socialist movement.

While witnessing the might of the DPRK that achieves victory in the anti-imperialist struggle, lots of people, express support and solidarity to the DPRK in the cause of socialism of. That the DPRK has established the diplomatic relations with many countries including the Philippines, Italy, UK, Germany, Brazil, Kuwait and Greece and the European Union even in the grim circumstances in which the imperialists and the DPRK stand face to face and a war without a gun report has been undergone for scores of years are the due result of the might of Songun.

The world progressive people who derived strength from the DPRK winning victory after victory in any trial under the banner of Songun turn out in the struggle against capitalism on the worldwide scale and make efforts while setting the socialist construction as a target. The world approval and praise to the might of Songun that dynamically promotes the cause of socialism are vividly manifested in the standpoint of lots of political parties in the world towards the Pyongyang Declaration. The declaration made public in Pyongyang on April 20, 1992 under the title of “Let US Defend and Advance the

Socialist Cause” is the declaration of delegates of political parties from different countries in the world reflecting their resolute will to consummate the socialist cause without fail.

Next, Songun politics dynamically encourages and propels the struggle of the world people for independence against imperialism.

The world congress on the anti-imperialist, independent cause in the 21st century was held in Caracas, capital of the Republic of Bolivar Venezuela in 2005. Delegations and delegates from over 40 countries from Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe and 2 international organizations took part in the congress. The participants highly praised that the dignity of the Juche Korea standing in the spotlight of the world as an invincible bulwark of socialism under the banner of Songun is a source of great encouragement to the anti-imperialist progressive people in the world. They affirmed that only the road of Songun is the most correct one for defending the popular masses’ independence and achieving the independent development and prosperity of country and nation.

The struggle against imperialism is being waged dynamically across the world under the banner of Songun. Different countries in Latin America including Cuba, Nicaragua, Bolivia, Equator and Venezuela wage the struggle against the imperialist oppression and intervention, holding aloft the banner of anti-imperialism and independence. The anti-imperialist struggle is being further enhanced in Africa, too. At present, lots of African countries that had been reduced to the victims of imperialists’ strategy of colonial domination and suffered from illiteracy and ignorance, hunger and starvation, wage dynamic struggle for putting an end to the imperialist domination and subordination and achieving the regional integrity, development and

prosperity by their own efforts.

The dominationist machinations, the moves for neo-colonial intervention of the imperialists face a crisis. The trend of independence against imperialism sways all continents and regions and this has become a trend of the times. The imperialists' dominationist moves are being destroyed and the world advances dynamically towards the global independence thanks to the struggle of the people for independence, peace and progress.

With its influence and force of attraction, Songun grips the hearts of the world people and dynamically encourages and promotes their struggle for independence and justice. The world progressive people and numerous figures from political and public circles are unanimously desirous of learning Songun politics while highly praising it as the inspiring banner of the cause of independence against imperialism.

Such high praise of the world progressive people reflects their hope and confidence that the bright future will be opened up as there is the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un who leads the struggle for the cause of global peace and stability, anti-imperialism and independence with great Songun idea, the invincible Songun politics.

The world influence of Songun idea is being spread over the world. As it is impossible to check the flowing of a large river winding to sea, so the force of traction of Songun idea is unable to be checked.

Conclusion

Improving and deepening the study of Songun idea and dynamically studying and disseminating Songun idea is the support and encouragement to the DPRK led by the respected Supreme Leader Kim Jong Un. It is important for Juche idea and Songun idea

followers of the world to study and dissemination of the Juche idea, Songun idea positively and thus decisively frustrate the imperialists' desperate and cunning campaign against the DPRK.